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Re: Telephone Number Portability; CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms Keeney:

Outlined below is a status report from the six telecommunications carriers involved in the initial implementation of Local Number Portability (LNP) in the Chicago MSA. Acknowledging the lead that the Illinois LNP Workshop has over similar efforts in other parts of the nation, the FCC Number Portability Order (CC Docket No. 95 - 116) requires that Chicago serve as the field test site for LRN.

The Illinois LNP Workshop has been working towards an August 31, 1997 completion date for the FCC Ordered Field Test and a September 1, 1997 date for implementation (a month prior to the FCC required date).

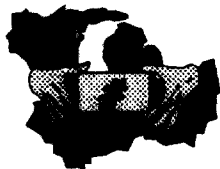
Towards these goals, the Midwest Region LNP, L.L.C. has signed a contract with Lockheed Martin IMS for NPAC SMS services. Most industry operational agreements have been concluded in the appropriate workshop subcommittees. A detailed implementation plan and a very thorough field test plan have also been completed. Most importantly, Lockheed Martin has completed the NPAC SMS software and was scheduled to begin testing with the User SMS software being deployed by the undersigned parties.

At this juncture the NANC reviewed the most recent Customer Porting Process Flows agreed to in the Illinois LNP Workshop. A segment of the NANC industry participants felt that these process flows needed to be modified to incorporate their concerns. Consequently, a compromise was reached by the NANC industry participants on January 30, 1997 that requires a modification to the Illinois Process Flows.

The NANC modification of the Porting Process Flows have necessitated changes to the Lockheed NPAC SMS software and corresponding changes in the industry participants' SMS and SOA software. To ensure that Illinois tests the flows adopted by the rest of the country, the L.L.C. has moved quickly to approve these changes and to authorize Lockheed to make the necessary modifications. Lockheed has estimated the minimum possible timeframe for incorporating the NANC changes to be a month.

The fallout from these last minute changes is that the Implementation Schedule is delayed by one month. The implementation date for the Chicago MSA is now September 29, 1997, which meets the timeframe specified by the Order.

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The Field Test will now conclude on September 26, 1997 instead of August 31, 1997 as stated in Section 79 of the Order. Due to the significance of the Field Test, it was not considered appropriate to shorten or delete any of the testing planned

However, instead of utilizing the full thirty (30) day period allowed for reporting results, during the FCC Field Test, we will provide to the FCC weekly updates of the testing progress. On October 17, 1997, we will file with the FCC a full report on the results of the test. However, much of the information in the final report will have already been conveyed in the form of the weekly updates. Our objective is to make sure that the FCC remains as enlightened as possible during this process leading up to implementation of LNP.

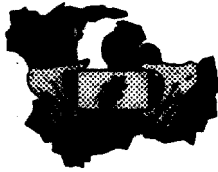
Prior to the start of the FCC test participating carriers will undergo eight (8) weeks of rigorous intra-network testing to ensure that any potential bugs are removed from each individual network. Before that Lockheed Martin will be testing its own database to ensure it works by the time Carriers are ready for intra-network testing. While the FCC Field Test lasts a total of eight (8) weeks, the actual testing phase is much longer. Further, nearly two (2) years of work has been invested in preparation for this test. It is our firm belief that the extensive testing planned will allow for implementation of LNP immediately upon conclusion of the FCC Field Test.

	Original Illinois Schedule	FCC Order Dates Docket #95-116	Current Illinois Schedule
Field Trial Completion	August 31, 1997	August 31, 1997	September 26, 1997
Field Trial Report	September 30, 1997	September 30, 1997	October 17, 1997
Implementation	September 1, 1997**	Fourth Quarter, 1997	September 29, 1997**

**** Start Date, implementation will be phased over the Fourth Quarter, 1997.**

If you have any questions, please contact the following officers of the Midwest Region "LNP, L.L.C.":

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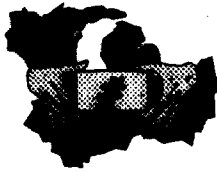
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